

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Hiroyuki YAMASA et al. Group Art Unit: 1772

Serial Number: 10/798,553 Examiner: Alicia A. Chevalier

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For: WEATHER STRIP AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 6, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2005.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I (Claims 1-15); Group II (Claims 16 and 17) and Group III (Claims 18-20).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (Claims 1-15) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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